

CHAPTER 40

REGULATION OF SNOWMOBILES AND SNOWMOBILE PROGRAMS

S.F. 472

AN ACT relating to snowmobile registration and use of moneys from the special snowmobile fund.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section 321G.1, subsection 21, Code 2017, is amended to read as follows:

21. “Public land” means land owned by the federal government, the state, or political subdivisions of the state and land acquired or developed for public recreation pursuant to [section 321G.7](#). “Public land” includes but is not limited to a roadway or highway. However, [this subsection](#) shall not be construed to permit the operation of snowmobiles on a roadway or highway except as provided in [section 321G.9](#).

Sec. 2. Section 321G.7, subsection 2, Code 2017, is amended to read as follows:

2. The department shall remit the fees, including user permit fees collected pursuant to [section 321G.4A](#), to the treasurer of state, who shall place the money in a special snowmobile fund. The money is appropriated to the department for the snowmobile programs of the state. The programs shall include grants, subgrants, contracts, or cost-sharing of snowmobile programs with political subdivisions or incorporated private organizations or both, which may include the purchase, ownership, and maintenance of trail grooming equipment, in accordance with rules adopted by the commission. Snowmobile fees may be used to support snowmobile programs on a usage basis. At least ~~fifty~~ seventy percent of the special fund shall be available for political subdivisions or incorporated private organizations or both. Moneys from the special fund not used by the political subdivisions or incorporated private organizations or both shall remain in the fund and may be used by the department for the administration of the snowmobile programs. Notwithstanding [section 8.33](#), moneys in the special fund shall not revert to the general fund of the state at the end of a fiscal year. Notwithstanding [section 12C.7, subsection 2](#), interest or earnings on moneys in the special fund shall remain in the fund.

Sec. 3. Section 321G.7, Code 2017, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 3. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the department may donate trail grooming equipment owned by the department to a political subdivision or incorporated private organization receiving moneys from the fund after the useful life of the trail grooming equipment to the department has expired.

Sec. 4. Section 321G.8, Code 2017, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 3. Snowmobiles registered in an organized special event authorized pursuant to [section 321G.16](#) when such snowmobiles are operated within the boundaries of the event.

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